

THE FEDERAL SPOTLIGHT

Pay Bill Veto Message Is Expected Tomorrow

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President Eisenhower is expected to send his veto message on the 8.6 per cent average postal pay-reclassification bill to Congress tomorrow.

Plans have been made to send the veto message to Capitol Hill today, but the Senate will not be in session until tomorrow.

The message must first go to the Senate since that chamber acted initially on the postal pay bill.

Post Office Department officials said the veto already has been agreed on and the message drafted in the veto message.

President Eisenhower is expected to ask Congress for prompt action on the 7.6 per cent measure favored by the administration.

The President yesterday interrupted a busy work schedule to hear a plea from William C. Doherty, president of the AFL National Association of Letter Carriers, that the bill be signed into law. Mr. Eisenhower listened attentively but did not commit himself.

Mr. Doherty's audience with the President has an interesting sidelight to it. The letter carriers' chief, several days ago, sent a message to Mr. Eisenhower reminding the President of his 1952 campaign pledge that the White House door "would always be open" to Federal employees when they had serious problems to discuss.

The White House checked the President's campaign talks and found such a promise had been made. Mr. Doherty then was given an appointment with President Eisenhower.

SENSITIVE — A top-ranking admiral was the guest of a Senator last week in the Senate restaurant. When it came time to order, the Navy officer said he would have a hamburger. Then, apparently remembering the furor over the Navy's having stocked more than 800,000 pounds of hamburger, the admiral blurted: "On second thought, better make it a tuna fish sandwich."

APPEAL RIGHTS — Legislation to provide Federal employees injured on the job with appeal rights to the Federal courts has been introduced by Representative Metcalf, Democrat, of Montana. The measure would permit Government workers to request review of their cases by the United States District Court after the employees had exhausted all administrative appeal rights, including the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board.

LIP SERVICE — Representative Quigley, Democrat, of Pennsylvania has accused the administration of paying "lip service" to the principles of the merit system while actually undermining it with various political directives.

Meanwhile, the Senate Civil

Service Committee, voted \$75,000 by the Senate, is ready to begin its investigation of the administration's civil service policies.

MORALE — The sagging morale of the Government's career officials has been bolstered somewhat by the appointment of Samuel T. Adams, a long-time Government career man, as personnel director of the Treasury Department. The personnel officials hope that Mr. Adams' appointment has broken a trend during the past year or so which has seen outsiders appointed to the top personnel jobs in agencies.

CAPITAL ROUNDUP — The Commerce Department symphony orchestra will give a concert at 8:15 p.m. Monday in the Commerce Auditorium, Fourteenth street and Constitution avenue N.W. The orchestra has drawn warm praise in its previous performances this year. Dr. Quincy Adams has transferred from the Central Intelligence Agency to an economist's post with the Federal Trade Commission. Navy's David Taylor Model Basin needs mathematicians, electronic engineers and electronic laboratory mechanics and technicians, grades 3 through 13. Call OLiver 4-2800, extension 446. The Civil Service Commission has announced exams for internal auditors in the Post Office Department, at salaries of \$4,205 to \$9,600 a year. Application should be filed with Board of Civil Service Examiners, Departmental Personnel Division, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. John W. Macy, Jr., executive director of the Civil Service Commission, will address the monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees' Pres-

dents' Club at 8 p.m. Friday at the Willard Hotel. . . Philipp L. Charles, who was director of the Office of Price Stabilization some years ago and later was an assistant regional commissioner for the Internal Revenue Service, has been appointed director of the IRS for West Virginia. . . Federal Employees Union No. 2, National Federation of Federal Employees, has elected the following chairmen of committees: Membership, Grace M. Picking; Veterans Administration, Organization, Viola S. Schantz; Interior Department, Legislative, Edward M. Holmes; Public Roads, Elections, Cyrus R. Briggs; Agriculture, Finance, Glen E. Gordon; General Accounting Office, Good of the Union, Dayton S. Ward; Agriculture, Elections, Joseph M. Davis; Public Roads, and Entertainment, Mrs. Margaret L. Retzler; Veterans Administration, Mr. Gordon also was named recipient of the NEFE Outstanding Member Award for 1955. . . The Office of Research and Liaison of the Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center has job vacancies for photostat and ozalid operators (male only), photographers, cartographic photogrammetric aides, firemen and clerks (temporary). The jobs require status. Apply to Midway Hall, Twenty-fourth street and Oklahoma avenue N.E., from 8 a.m. to noon. . . Mrs. Adela Gomez and Ewald O. Bankmann of the Smithsonian Institution have received cash awards for meritorious services.

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